

**Town of Arlington
Transportation Advisory Committee**

Minutes of 5/15/08, 7:15 to 10:00 PM, Town Hall Selectmen's Hearing Room
Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Jean Clark, Sue Doctrow, Karen Kelly, John Lentz, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Mike Rademacher, Scott Smith, Ed Starr, Laura Wiener

Non-members Present: William Shea, Kevin O'Brien

1. Public Comments. William Shea, representing the Human Rights Commission, addressed the Committee regarding the Locator equipment to assist blind pedestrians on Summer Street. There have been complaints about it being too loud, and wanted to know if there was a better method to accomplish the same objective. Jeff responded that this is new technology, with bugs still being worked out. There have been complaints at other sites outside Arlington as well. Mike added that this accommodation is required if requested, but may have been put in incorrectly.
2. Update on Symmes Special Permit Items. Kevin O'Brien, Director of Planning, reported on progress of special permit conditions related to traffic at Symmes. Some are still unmet. Scott submitted a possible solution to A3, Summer Street between Grove St. and Oak Hill, allowing a 2 way left turn lane. Traffic calming on Oak Hill Drive (C.3), Ed and Kevin will talk to Steve O'Riordan, who is a resident and Town Meeting member. Widening of Hemlock at Epping (D.6) not recommended, but sidewalk improvement is recommended.
3. Administration.
 - Meeting minutes of 3/12/08 approved unanimously.
 - Meeting minutes of 4/9/08 approved unanimously
 - The Nominating Committee will report at the June meeting regarding officers and members.
4. Appleton One-Way Request. Recommendation will go to Board of Selectmen on June 2.
5. Westminster Phase 2. Elisabeth reported that they are close to making a recommendation, and holding a public meeting. Waiting on draft report on Downing Square, which will affect decisions regarding Westminster. Mike said they have a draft report on Downing Square from BSC Group, but still waiting on appendix materials. The Working Group will meet soon to discuss the report.
6. Forest Street. Recent public meeting was well attended. Proposal for sidewalk on one side, then crossing over was favored. Truck traffic and traffic speed are also concerns. No truck exclusion exists.
7. Safe Routes to Schools. Jeff reported that Dallin, Stratton, Bishop, and Thompson Schools are all eligible for an assessment.
8. Bishop School. No meeting yet.
9. Peirce School. Survey out to parents, and then going to neighbors. They are also conducting a sidewalk inventory.
10. Thompson School. Improvements should occur before September, 08.
11. Thermoplastics. Mike reported that Mass. Highway is making funds available for thermoplastic crosswalks. Town will try to take advantage of funding.
12. Beacon and Hamlet Discussion. Jeff reported that data shows volumes are light, speeds between 25 and 27 mph at 85th percentile. Could be a good place for a 4 way stop sign. Karen will check accident data along Hamlet.

13. Transportation Demand Management Grant. Meeting with Mass. Rides scheduled for mid-June to get started.
14. Green Line Extension Update. Route 16/Boston Ave. station will be included in assessment of stations. Station decisions are projected to be made in September.
15. Town Reports. Mike reported that sidewalks are being replaced on Gray Street near Highland. DPW is taking requests for sidewalk repairs. Washington Street water lines will be replaced. Laura reported that the Hodgdon Noyes property is under agreement to become a CVS, but application to Redevelopment Board is not yet submitted.
16. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Handouts:

Ed's Meeting Package: Agenda, 5/15/08;

Minutes of 4/9/08

"Symmes Residential Development by Symmes Redevelopment Associates, Excerpt from Special Permit Decision dated September 12, 2005"

Intersection of Woodside Lane, Vista Circle and Hazel Terrace.

Draft Memo from TAC to Board of Selectmen, RE. Appleton Place, dated 14 May, 2008

Example of Two-Way Left-Turn Lane Marking Applications.